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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 8 February 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 8 May 2008. Claims 116-124 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's helpful suggestions for overcoming the outstanding rejections. As this response is filed within two months of the mailing date, expedited processing is respectfully requested. Reconsideration in light of the following amendment, which conforms to the Examiner's suggestions, is respectfully requested.